



AGENDA ITEM: 13

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

29 MARCH 2006

Scrutiny Review – Implementation of Recommendations

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform the Board of the progress achieved with the implementation of agreed Executive actions resulting from the consideration of Scrutiny reports.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. The electronic Scrutiny Monitoring Database was introduced in June 2003, to enable Members to track the implementation of agreed Executive Action Plans. The database is accessible through the lotus notes system. As agreed, the Board will receive quarterly updates on the progress of Scrutiny recommendations and in particular the actions that have not been successfully implemented.
3. The OSB meeting held in November 2005 was the last to update members on the implementation of Executive Actions.
4. Provided within Appendix A is a position update for the following reports :-
 - Physical Disabilities in Middlesbrough
 - Street Cleansing
 - The Educational Attainment of Children Looked After by Middlesbrough Council
 - The Local Transport Plan
 - Investigation into Middlesbrough Council's Allotments Service Provision
 - Investigation into the Active Middlesbrough Strategy
 - Fair Access to Care Services
 - Healthy Living Review
 - Human Resources and Diversity Issues
 - Investigation into Middlesbrough Council's Green Budget in the Context of the Housing Stock Transfer
 - Night Time Economy
 - Investigation into Active Intelligence Mapping

- Investigation into the Authority's Progress into the 14-19 Agenda
 - Youth Service Action Plan
 - Developing Learning Disability Services
 - Worklessness
5. Previous reviews contain a total of **365** recommendations, of which **209** should have been implemented by February 2006. It would not be feasible to discuss each recommendation in turn, however, where the agreed Executive actions have not been implemented by the proposed target date this will be highlighted.
6. To summarise, of the Executive actions which should have been implemented by February 2006: -
- **182** have been implemented,
 - **22** are partially complete
 - **5** have not been implemented.
7. All of the Agreed Executive Actions for the following reviews have been completed:
- **(Nov 02)** Final Revenue Outturn & the 2002/03 First Quarterly Revenue Budget Review
 - **(Feb 03)** Flooding in Middlesbrough
 - **(Mar 03)** Third Quarterly Capital Expenditure, Resources and Revenue Outturn Review 2002/03
 - **(Apr 03)** Social Services Consultation Procedures
 - **(Apr 03)** HBS Telephone Contact Service
 - **(May 03)** Misuse of Fireworks
 - **(May 03)** Review of Housing Allocation Policy
 - **(Oct 03)** Draft Internal Audit Strategic Plan 2003/04 to 2005/06
 - **(Oct 03)** Draft Social Services Transport Policy
 - **(Dec 03)** Sure Start: Delivering Better Outcomes for Children and Families
 - **(Jan 04)** Middlesbrough Town Centre Company
 - **(Jan 04)** Development of Preventative Services provided by Middlesbrough Council for Children
 - **(May 04)** Audit Inspection Annual Letter 2003
 - **(May 04)** Investigation into Service Provision of Gleneagles Resource Centre
 - **(May 04)** Review of the Implementation of Local E Government within Middlesbrough Council
 - **(June 04)** Job Centre Plus
 - **(July 04)** Pupil Performance: Key Stage 2/3 Transition
 - **(Dec 04)** Direct Payments
 - **(Dec 04)** Draft Licensing Policy

These reports have now been archived within the database.

Number of reports archived: **19**

Number of recommendations archived: **172**

ADDITIONAL MONITORING

8. Provided within Appendix B is an update that relates to the Health Scrutiny Action Plans. The information within Appendix B attempts to inform members of the position for the following reports:
- Review of District General Hospitals
 - Appropriate Hospital Care for Older people
 - Dental Health
 - Review of Patient & Public Involvement
 - Emergency Admissions into James Cook University Hospital

RECOMMENDATION

9. That the Board considers the information presented in Appendix A and agrees an appropriate course of action to monitor the recommendations that have not been implemented by the proposed target date.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

10. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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